

REMARKS

Applicants reply to the Office Action dated October 6, 2011 within three months. Claims 1-12, 18-19, 21-22 and 26-33 are pending in the present Office Action. Claims 1, 8, 18-19, 21-22, 26 and 30 are independent. Support for the amendments may be found in the originally-filed specification, claims, and figures. No new matter has been introduced by these amendments. Applicants assert that the application is in condition for allowance and reconsideration of the pending claims is requested.

The Examiner rejects claims 1-12, 18-19, 21-22 and 26-33 under 35 USC 102 (e) as being anticipated by US 2004/0246851, Hwang et al. Applicants respectfully disagree with these rejections, but Applicants present claim amendments in order to clarify the patentable aspects of the claims and to expedite prosecution.

Applicants amend certain claims to further define what the first and second file structures are for, in order to further distinguish them from the defect areas of Hwang et al. Specifically, Applicants amend claim 1 (and similarly in the other independent claims) to recite, *inter alia*:

"...the first file structure including metadata describing a first user file of the first information...the second file structure including metadata describing a second user file of the second information..."

Support for the above amendments is found in at least para. [0201]-[0202] of the published application.

Applicants strongly assert that Hwang et al. fails to disclose or contemplate transferring a first file structure of a first information from an area for recording user data of a write-once recording medium to a first memory, wherein the first file structure including metadata describing a first user file of the first information, and generating a second file structure for the second information based on the first file structure, wherein the second file structure including metadata describing a second user file of the second information, as recited by the amended independent claims.

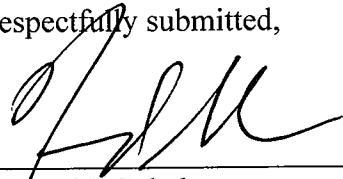
The Examiner equates the claimed first information to the user data of Hwang et al., the claimed first file structure to the recorded defect area #1 of Hwang et al., the claimed second file structure to the spare area of Hwang et al, and the claimed second information to the replacement data #1 of Hwang et al. However, in view of the amendments to the independent claims, Applicants respectfully submit that such equivalencies are not proper, nor possible.

Applicants assert that the claimed invention enjoys a number of advantages over the disclosure of Hwang et al. as established in previous Office Action Replies. Accordingly, the amended claims should be in condition for allowance.

The dependent claims variously depend from the independent claims 1, 8, 18-19, 21-22, 26 and 30, so Applicants assert that the dependent claims are differentiated from the cited art for the same reasons as set forth above, in addition to their own unique features.

In view of the above remarks and amendments, Applicants respectfully submit that all pending claims properly set forth that which Applicants regard as their invention. Accordingly, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees due to Deposit Account No. 19-2814, including extension of time fees, if needed.

Respectfully submitted,



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